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DEAR COMMISSIONER

A COMPARISON OF MY APS BILL OF 1-11-2008 WITH THE ONE DATED  
1-11-2007, A YEAR EARLIER, SHOWS THE FOLLOWING:

BASIC SERVICE CHARGE	UP 3.1%
DELIVERY SERVICE CHARGE	UP 86.5%
METERING	UP 3.2%
METER READING	UP 4%
TRANSMISSION & ANCILLARY CHARGES	UP 72.2%

ALL OTHER SURCHARGES, FEES, AND TAXES, WHICH ARE ALSO UP, ARE  
NOT INCLUDED HERE FOR SIMPLIFICATION AND ARE PRETTY MUCH OUT OF APS'S  
CONTROL AS WELL AS MINE.

MY ONLY CONTROL IS IN HOW MUCH ELECTRICITY I USE. IN THIS RESPECT,  
MY USAGE RATES HAVE INCREASED AS FOLLOWS:

ON PEAK ELECTRICITY	UP 18.6%
OFF PEAK ELECTRICITY	UP 26%

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ONE FOURTH OF MY BILL IS ELECTRICITY USAGE. THREE FOURTHS ARE  
FEES AND TAXES. TWO CONCLUSIONS ARE THAT COSTS AND RATES ARE OUT OF  
CONTROL AND THAT THE ENTIRE RATE CONSTRUCTION IS SUCH THAT  
CONSERVATION OF ENERGY HAS BEEN GIVEN LITTLE THOUGHT.

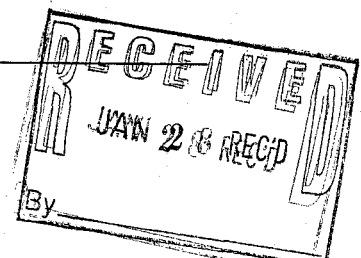
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PERHAPS THE COSTS THAT ARE UNDER APS'S CONTROL COULD BE  
EXAMINED MORE CLOSELY. IF, FOR EXAMPLE, APS PROVIDES FULL  
TRANSPORTATION COSTS [AN AUTOMOBILE AND FUEL] TO MID LEVEL  
EMPLOYEES THE COST OF THEIR 200 MILE ROUND TRIP TO AND FROM WORK IS  
SURELY REFLECTED SOMEWHERE IN MY BILL. AN APS EMPLOYEE'S EXPENSE IN  
GETTING TO WORK IS NOT AN EXPENSE THE APS CUSTOMER SHOULD BEAR.

PERHAPS TOO, IF WE CONSERVED ENERGY OUR DOLLAR WOULDN'T BE ON  
IT'S PATH OF DECREASING WORTH AND WE WOULDN'T BE SENDING AS MANY OF  
THEM TO THOSE WHO ARE FINANCING TERROR. BUT WHY SHOULD MY NEIGHBOR  
TURN OFF HIS THREE PORCH LIGHTS THAT ARE ON FROM BEFORE DUSK AND GO  
OFF AFTER DAWN OR MY LOCAL SCHOOL TURN OFF THEIR ENERGY GUZZLING  
OUTDOOR LIGHTS, TIMED AS MY NEIGHBOR'S, IN FAVOR OF MOTION SENSING  
LIGHTS WHEN ACTUAL USAGE IS A SMALL FRACTION OF THEIR BILL?

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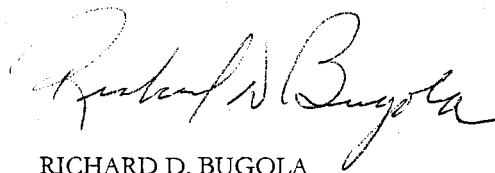




THE ANSWER COULD VERY WELL BE TO LET APS RAISE RATES ENOUGH FOR THE UTILITY TO TOTALLY CONDUCT THEIR BUSINESS, TAXES, FEES, SURCHARGES AND ALL AND SEND CONSUMERS A USAGE BILL THAT'S EASY TO UNDERSTAND. APS CURRENTLY LISTS EIGHTEEN CATEGORIES OF EXPENSE TO OVERWHELM THE BILL PAYER TO WHERE THEY FEEL THEY HAVE NO CONTROL. THE ATTITUDE OF "WHAT'S THE USE--- MOST OF MY ELECTRICITY BILL IS MANDATED AND NOT CAUSED BY ANY IRRESPONSIBILITY ON MY PART" IS THE RESULT. A SIMPLE BILL THAT STATES "YOU USED XXX AMOUNT OF ELECTRICITY THEREFORE YOU OWE XXX AMOUNT OF MONEY" WOULD SEND THE CLEAR MESSAGE THAT IF YOU WANT TO SAVE MONEY YOU CONSERVE ENERGY.

I THANK YOU FOR WHATEVER TIME AND EFFORT YOU DEVOTE TO THE MATTER AND HOPE THAT INSTEAD OF JUST PASSING OFF TO A PR PERSON YOU HAVE A DISCUSSION WITH YOUR FELLOWS. I WOULD TREASURE BEING PRIVY TO YOUR THOUGHTS AS YOU READ THIS.

THANK YOU,



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